REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are now in this application.

New claims 11-20 have been added to give an alternative to the breadth with which the invention disclosed in this application is claimed.

In the first Office action the examiner rejected claims 1-10 as unpatentable over Bacon et al in view of Ingram. In this rejection the examiner indicated that these two references together teach all of applicant's claimed structure. What the examiner has failed to recognize, however, is that claim 1 recites that the fuel pump is fastened to a "mount," and the mount is embodied as a rigid conduit which has a first fuel supply line section which is connected to the outlet fitting of the pump. **In other words, the structure which mounts the fuel pump is also the rigid conduit which connects the pump to the fuel fittings.**

As recited in claims 1and 2, it is the outlet fitting of the fuel pump which connects the fuel pump to the rigid conduit, and thus to the tank. In claim 3 the recitation of the mount is expanded with more detail, so that in claim 3 the mount includes a mount conduit as the connection to the first fuel supply line, 8.1.

This is in contradistinction to the teachings of Bacon et al, wherein in column 1 lines 62-65 the fuel pump is said to be mounted inside the reservoir. In other words, in Bacon et al the conduit 30 does not mount the fuel pump to the reservoir as it does in applicants' claims.

This teaching is also missing from the secondary reference to Ingram, which in fact does not teach any connection to a fuel reservoir. Rather, Ingram teaches a general fitting of a

hose member 13 to a pump housing 14. Clearly, neither of the references applied by the examiner against the claims of this application include any teaching of how one would use a rigid conduit to mount a fuel pump to the inside of a fuel reservoir.

This distinction becomes important when one considers, as specified in paragraphs 7-16 of the specification, the advantages of this system. For example, using the rigid conduit as the mounting structure for the fuel pump allows for particularly easy assembly of the various parts, particularly since there are fewer parts to be interconnected. This arrangement also provides an easy connection of the fuel pump to the rest of the system which does not transmit vibrations, thus reducing noise from the fuel pump.

The further claims, 4-10, add even more details of how the fuel pump is mounted to the rigid conduit, thus reciting more of the mounting structure for the fuel pump within the fuel tank, and including even more mounting structure which leads to even more of the advantages recited in paragraphs 9-16 of the specification.

Entry of this response and allowance of the claims are courteously solicited.

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